

been issued and paid. In the remaining three cases, duplicate money orders have also been issued for payment.

(d) and (e) The steps taken to streamline the delivery system include the following:—

- (i) Constant monitoring is done both at the field and the HQ levels for effective payment of money orders.
- (ii) A senior officer has been designated in each circle to keep a watch over the prompt payment of money orders.
- (iii) Periodic drives are launched for prompt settlement of public complaints.
- (iv) The officials found responsible for the delays are suitably punished.

Performance of PSUs

3130. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the period covered under the review; and

(c) the details of performance of these PSUs during that period and for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Year ending 31st march, 2000.

(c) *Performance during the last three years*

(In Rs. Crores)

PSU		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
ITI	Sales/Turn	1267	1681	1869
	over			
	Profit before Tax	15.26	27.10	39.00

PSU		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
HTL	Sales/Turn	274.58	358.14	449.32
	over			
	Profit before Tax	6.77	8.54	21.06
VSNL	Sales/Turn	6436.13	7175.56	7230.51
	over			
	Profit before Tax	1428.41	1965.50	1942.73 (Before ICO write off of Rs.512.76 Crores)
MTNL	Sales/Turn	4779.32	5259.29	5356.89
	over			
	Profit before Tax	1671.97	1889.86	1399.94
TCIL	Sales/Turn	592.28	647.31	731.53
	over			
	Profit before Tax	46.66	56.90	58.73

Opening of Telephone Exchanges and Post Offices in Pondicherry

3131. **SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of new Telephone Exchanges proposed to be opened in the Union Territory of Pondicherry during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the details of Post Offices proposed to be set up in the State during the next two years; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The details of new Telephone Exchanges opened/proposed to be opened in the Union Territory of Pondicherry during Ninth Five Year Plan are given in the Statement (See below). Action has already been taken to procure the telephone exchange equipment for the year 2000-2001.

(b) and (c) There is no request pending for opening of new